GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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IMPROVEMENT IN SCIENCE RESEARCH
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government proposes to take any steps to improve the country`s position in Science Research;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any directions has been issued in this regard to the State Governments by the Union Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) & (d): In order to strengthen basic science research within the university system, a Task Force under the Chairmanship of Prof. M.M.Sharma was constituted by the Central Government. In its Report, the Task Force has inter alia, recommended creation of 1000 positions of Research Scientists at various levels, five fold increase in the number of Ph.Ds from Indian universities within a span of ten years with proper standards, promotion of formal linkage between the Universities and national level institutions including the CSIR laboratories through joint research projects and training, inbuilt component of research in post-graduate programmes pertaining to Science and Technology, upgradation of infrastructura! facilities in universities to promote quality scientific research, and, creation of networking centers in Basic Sciences in leading Departments of Universities to promote collaborative research. The recommendations have been accepted by the Government and the Task Force has been converted into an Empowered Committee to implement its recommendations. The University Grants Commission has included the proposals under its pian for allocation of funds. Education Ministers of State Governments have also been apprised of these initiatives at the recent Conference of State Education Ministers in April, 2007 at New Delhi,